

1                   **DECLARATION CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS**  
2                   **37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27(b)-INDEPENDENT INVENTOR**  
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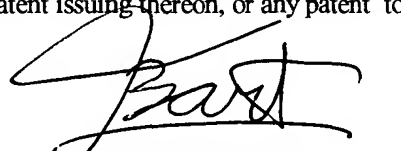
4           As the sole inventor named below, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as  
5 defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United  
6 States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled, Jointed Interlocking Knock-  
7 Down Furniture with Upright Locking Protrusions, described in the specification contemporaneously filed  
8 herewith.

9           I have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed and am under no obligation under contract or law to  
10 assign, grant, convey or license, any rights in the invention to any person who could not be classified as an  
11 independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which  
12 would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR  
13 1.9(e). Each person, concern or organization to which I have assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed or am  
14 under an obligation under contract or law to assign, grant convey, or license any rights in the invention is as  
15 follows: NONE.

16           I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status  
17 resulting in loss of entitlement to a small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the  
18 issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate (37  
19 CFR 1.28 (b).

20           And I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements  
21 made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the  
22 knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both,  
23 under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the  
24 validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

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27 **SIGNATURE OF INVENTOR:**

  
Franciscus P. Bart

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32 **DATE OF SIGNATURE:**

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1                   **DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY, AND PETITION**

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3           I, Franciscus P. Bart, residing at 408 Prospect Ave., Apt C, Hot Springs, AR 71901 (Post  
4 Office Address: same), declare that I am a Citizen of the Netherlands and that I have read  
5 the foregoing specification and claims, that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the  
6 above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment  
7 specifically referred to in the oath or declaration; and I verily believe that I am the original,  
8 first, and sole inventor of the invention entitled Interlocking Knock-Down Furniture with  
9 Upright Locking Protrusions, which is described and claimed therein; that I do not know and  
10 do not believe that this invention was ever known or used in the United States before my  
11 invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before  
12 my invention thereof, or more than one year prior to this application; or in public use or on  
13 sale in the United States more than one year prior to this application; that this invention has not  
14 been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate in any country foreign to the  
15 United States prior to the date of this application on an application filed by me or by my legal  
16 representatives or assigns more than twelve months before this application; that I acknowledge  
17 my duty to disclose to the Office all information of which I am aware which is material to  
18 examination of this application and to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56; and that no  
19 application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention has been filed by me or by  
20 my representatives or assigns in any country foreign to the United States.

21           I further declare that this a divisional application based upon my previously filed and  
22 presently pending U. S. utility patent application entitled "Jointed, Interlocking Knockdown  
23 Furniture," Serial Number 09/912,718, Filed July 26, 2001, Examiner Hanh Van Tran, Group  
24 Art Unit 3637, which was subject of a restriction requirement

25           And I hereby appoint Stephen D. Carver, Reg. No. 27,314, and Telephone (501) 224-  
26 1500, a member of the Bar of the State of Arkansas as my attorney to prosecute this application  
27 and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected  
28 therewith.

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3 **Stephen D. Carver**

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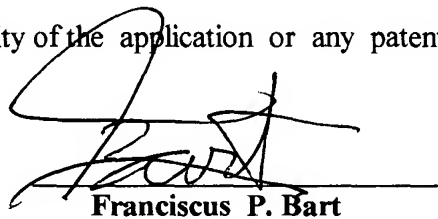
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8 Wherefore, I pray that Letters Patent be granted to me for the invention or discovery  
9 described and claimed in the foregoing Specification and Claims, and I hereby subscribe my  
10 name unto said Specification and Claims and unto the foregoing Declaration, Power of Attorney,  
11 and this Petition.

12 The undersigned petitioner declares further that all statements made herein of his  
13 own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are  
14 believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that  
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